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SUBJ: PRC TO BUILD NDJAMENA-CAMEROON BRIDGE

1. GOC DAILY BULLETIN AUGUST 31 ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT AUGUST 28 BY ELEVENTY CHAD-CAMEROON MIXED COMMISSION, MEETING IN YAOUNDE WITH PRC AMBASSADORS TO CHAD AND CAMEROON PRESENT, FOR PRC BUILD BRIDGE ACROSS CHARI RIVER LINKING NDJAMENA AND CAMEROON. SITE ORIGINALLY PLANNED AT PRESENT FERRY CROSSING, 1,000 YARDS DOWNSTREAM FROM CHARI-LOGONE JUNCTION AND 1,000 YARDS FROM EMBASSY. NEWLY AGREED SIE AT NORTHWEST END CIRCUMFERENTIAL HIGHWAY, 4,000 YARDS DOWNSTREAM CHARI-LOGONE JUNCTION AND 4,000 YARDS FROM EMBASSY.

2. COMMENT: ECONOMIC RAMIFICATIONS OF BRIDGE ARE GREAT. WITH CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT ROAD TO MAIDUGURI, NIGERIA, BRIDGE WILL EASE TRANSPORT TO/FROM NIGERIA AS WELL AS CAMEROON. PETROLEUM TRUCKS, NOW BACKED UP FOR BLOCKS WAITING FOR FERRY, MOST OBVIOUS BENEFICIARIES. MOST OF CHADIAN FOREIGN TRADE FACILITATED BY BRIDGE WILL BE WITH NIGERIA NOT CAMEROON. BRIDGE WILL ALSO EASE TRANSPORT BETWEEN NDJAMENA AND SOUTHERN CHAD

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VIA CAMEROONIAN HIGHWAYS ESPECIALLY IN RAINY SEASON. IN

TOURISM AREA, BRIDGE WILL LIKELY ENCOURAGE EUROPEAN TOURISTS
TRAVEL VIA NDJAMENA AIRPORT TO NORTH CAMEROON GAME RESERVES.
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